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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, OVIP, KS
SUBJECT: EA'S TENTATIVE PLANS FOR UNGA

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1. WE ARE INFORMING MOFA OF YOUR WISH TO MEET WITH FORMIN IN
NEW YORK PRIOR TO FORMIN'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY AND BELIEVE
PARK TONG-JIN WILL WELCOME THIS INITIATIVE.

2. MOFA HAS NOT YET FORMULATED SPECIFIC POINTS TO BE RAISED
BY FORMIN WITH SECRETARY BUT HAS ASSURED US THAT WE WILL HAVE
THEM AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. ROK OFFICIALS ARE WAITING
TO GAIN A CLEARER VIEW OF THE STATE OF PLAY ON KIM DONG-JO
BEFORE PUTTING TOGETHER A SCENARIO.

3. EXACT DATES OF FORMIN'S VISIT TO U.S. FOR UNGA STILL NOT
FIXED, BUT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ADJUSTED, IF NECESSARY, TO
FIT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE.

4. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO DAMPEN UNWARRANTED HOPES WITH
LIBERAL APPLICATIONS OF COLD WATER, KOREANS CONTINUE TO
URGE, "FOR POLITICAL REASONS", THAT FORMIN/SECRETARY
MEETING TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON. THEY HAVE ALSO ASKED
IF IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE A SOCIAL FUNCTION,
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E.G. A WORKING LUNCH, FOR THE SECRETARY WITH THE FORMIN.
WE HAVE POINTED OUT GREAT PRESSURES ON SECRETARY'S TIME
DURING THIS PERIOD AND THE KOREANS ARE AWARE OF CONSTRAINTS
FROM PAST EXPERIENCE. ON THE THEORY THAT IT NEVER HURTS
TO ASK FOR MORE, THEY KEEP TRYING, BUT WILL BE SATISFIED
WITH ANY SCHEDULE WHICH INCLUDES A FORMIN/SECRETARY
MEETING.

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